



Homeland Security

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404-142 (CIO/IBM)

Mr. T. J. Kenney
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Re: FOIA 19-015

Dear Mr. Kenney:

This is in response to your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request to the Office of Accreditation; Federal Law Enforcement Training Accreditation Board (FLETA) dated June 30, 2018, seeking a copy of the complete accreditation file for the Special Victims Unit Investigations Course taught by the U.S. Army Military Police School. This request was processed by the FLETA Office and consulted by the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) Office located at the Federal Law Enforcement Training Centers (FLETC).

The FLETA Office provided a total of 23 documents responsive to your request. I have determined that these records are partially releasable, pursuant to Exemption (b)(6), Title 5 U.S.C. § 552, FOIA Exemption 6.

FOIA Exemption 6 exempts from disclosure personnel or medical files and similar files the release of which would cause a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy. This requires a balancing of the public's right to disclosure against the individual's right to privacy. The type of information withheld contains personal identifiers belonging to a third party. The privacy interests of the individuals in the records you have requested outweigh any minimal public interest in disclosure of the information. Any private interest you may have in that information does not factor into the aforementioned balancing test.

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You have a right to appeal the above withholding determination. Should you wish to do so, you must send your appeal and a copy of this letter, within 90 days of the date of this letter, to: FOIA Appeals, Federal Law Enforcement Training Centers, 1131 Chapel Crossing Road, Bldg. 681, Glynco, GA 31524, following the procedures outlined in the DHS FOIA regulations at 6 C.F.R. Part 5 § 5.8. Your envelope and letter should be marked "FOIA Appeal." Copies of the FOIA and DHS FOIA regulations are available at www.dhs.gov/foia.

Additionally, you have a right to seek dispute resolution services from the Office of Government Information Services (OGIS) which mediates disputes between FOIA requesters and Federal agencies as a non-exclusive alternative to litigation. If you are requesting access to your own records, you should know that OGIS does not have the authority to handle requests made under the Privacy Act of 1974. You may contact OGIS as follows: Office of Government Information Services, National Archives and Records Administration, 8601 Adelphi Road-OGIS, College Park, Maryland 20740-6001, e-mail at ogis@nara.gov; telephone at 202-741-5770; toll free at 1-877-684-6448; or facsimile at 202-741-5769.

Provisions of FOIA allow us to charge for processing fees, up to \$25, unless you seek a waiver of fees. In this instance, because the cost is below the \$25 minimum, there is no charge.

If you need any further assistance or would like to discuss any aspect of your request, I can be reached at (912) 267-3103 or via email at Alicia.Mikuta@fletc.dhs.gov.

Sincerely,



Alicia D. Mikuta

Information Management Officer
FOIA/Privacy

Enclosure(s)

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